

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO**  
**37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.99**

*PATENT APPLICATION*

Applicant(s): Hung Y. Ng *et al.*

Docket No.: END920030086US1

**FOR: METHOD AND STRUCTURE TO USE AN ETCH RESISTANT LINER ON TRANSISTOR GATE  
STRUCTURE TO ACHIEVE HIGH DEVICE PERFORMANCE**

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Respectfully submitted,

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